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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ZAMBIA AND BOTSWANA

REF: STATE 167901, B) LUSAKA 2381 (NOTAL), C) GABORONE
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1. IN WAKE OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S MAY VISIT, DEPARTMENT IS
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